

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 18, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-12 and 15-17 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-12 and 15-17 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 9 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 38 of copending Application No. 10/268,284 in view of *Bacon et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,466,864). Claims 2-8, 10-12 and 15-17 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 38 of copending Application No. 10/268,284 in view of *Bacon et al* and further in view of *Woodruff et al* (U.S. Patent No. 6,497,801).

Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/268,284 in a separate paper. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 and 15-17.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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